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SUBJ: FAO PROGRAM COMMITTEE: U.S.-CANADIAN TALKS

1. DOCUMENTS AGAIN MOVING SLOWLY, WITH PAPER FOR IMPORTANT ITEMS
2,3,4B,5 AND 10 STILL NOT AVAILABLE.

2. UNDER ITEM 4, DEPT. HAS HOPEFULLY RECEIVED DOCUMENTS FOR 4C
AND 4B. 4A DOCUMENT, JUST RECEIVED, CONSTS ONLY OF JIV REPORT
ON USE OF EXPORTS, UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISION IN JUNE 1978,
AND DP/334/ADD2 CONTAINING AGENCY COMMENTS BASED ON MAY 9-11
DISCUSSION. COVER NOTE SAYS, "COUNCIL INVITED TO PROVIDE ITS VIEWS
AND GUIDANCE TO DG," SO WE ASSUME PROGRAMME COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED
FOR (OR MORE LIKELY, PROVIDED) VIEWS COUNCIL MAY WISH CONSIDER
GIVING DG. U.S. INPUT TO THIS DISCUSSION MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF JUST
CONCLUDED CILSS-FAO AGREEMENT TO WHICH AID ABOUT TO BEGIN
PROVIDING FUNDS TO SUPPORT.

3. UNDER ITEM 6, THERE IS NOW AVAILABLE COUNCIL DOCUMENT (CL 74/28),
WHICH APPEARS QUITE DEFERENTIAL IN TONE TO CONCERNS OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. CONCLUSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: QTE.

(20 BOTH OF THE MATTERS REFERRED TO IN SECTIONS A AND B ABOVE
HAVE BEEN GIVEN, AS RECOMMENDED BY CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL,
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION.
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IN REGARD TO FOOD STANDARDS PER SE, IT WILL BE NOTED THAT, NOWITH-
STANDING THE DIFFERENT VIEWS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL
DELEGATIONS CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD STANDARDS,
A STRONG DESIRE WAS DEMONSTRATED ON THE PART OF MEMBERS OF THE CODEX
ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION TO ARRIVE AT ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO ANY
PROBLEMS. THE COMMISSION AGREED BOTH ON THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE
OF INTERNATIONAL FOOD STANDARDS AND ON THE NECESSITY FOR TI

TO TAKE INTO GREATER ACCOUNT THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON THE EXPORT INTERESTS AND GROWTH OF THE FOOD INDUSTRIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AMENDMENTS TO ITS PROCEDURES FOR THE ELABORATION OF STANDARDS WILL ENABLE THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION TO DO THIS. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES HAVE ALSO BEEN INITIATED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE CONTENT AND DIRECTION OF ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK TO ENABLE IT AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(21) IN BRIEF, THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION HAS RESPONDED VERY POSITIVELY TO THE WISHES AND CONCERNS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BOTH AS REGARDS THE QUESTION OF THE IMPACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD STANDARDS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD INDUSTRIES AND THE EXPORT TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND AS REGARDS THE DIRECTION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE DIFFICULTIES

HAVE BEEN FOUND WHICH ARE ACCEPTABLE TO DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. UNQTE.

4. FOR ITEM 7, THERE ARE AVAILABLE BOTH REPORT OF SECOND SESSION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND A NEW COUNCIL PAPER (CL 74/29) ON RESPONSE TO FAO CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 8/77. KEY PARAGRAPHS ARE:

QTE (4) THE ACTION TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 8/77 INCLUDES:

(I) DESK STUDIES TO ASSESS THE NUTRITIONAL IMPACT OF SELECTED UNCLASSIFIED

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FAO PROGRAMMES IN SOME INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES; (IRAN, SENEGAL, ZAMBIA).

(II) STUDIES IN DEPTH OF THE NUTRITIONAL IMPACT OF FAO PROGRAMMERS IN BANGLADESH AND TUNISIA;

(III) PREPARATION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NUTRITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS;

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(IV) ESTABLISHMENT OF A COORDINATING MECHANISM WITHIN FAO.
QTE(16) (IN RESPONSE TO PARAS 54, 55, AND 67 OF AD HOC COMMITTEE
REPORT) THE COST OF DESIRABLE AND FEASIBLE ACTIVITIES FUNDED
FROM ALL SOURCES DURING THE 1980-81 BIENNIUM HAVE NOT BEEN
QUANTIFIED,BUT THESE WILL BE AT LEAST AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THE
PROPOSED RQUIREMENTS FOR 1978-79 FOR THE WORK ON NUTRITION
PLANNING SUPPORT,FOLLOW-UP OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 8/77, NUTRI-
TION PROGRAMMING, NUTRITION EDUCATION, ASSISTANCE OT FEEDING
PROGRAMMES AND TRAINING IN NUTRITION AND GROUP FEEDING PROGRAMMES
MANAGEMENT. ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD NOT DOUBT BE A MODEST INCREASE
IN DEMANDS FORPROJECT ASSISTANCE IN FOOD CONTROL, FOOD CONTAMINATION
MONITORING AND CONTROL, IN THE 1978-79 BIENNIUM, IT IS FORESEEN
THAT IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNTRIES
FOR SPECIALIST CONSULTANCY ASSISTANCE THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE
IN THE DEMAND FOR CONSULTANTS IN THE 1980-81 BIENNIUM.
SIMILARLY, IN 1980-81 A MODEST INCREASE IN REQUIREMENTS WILL BE
NEEDED FOR THE FOOD STANDARDS ACTIVITIES REQUESTED BY
THE CODEX REGIONAL COMMITTEES FOR AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA.
QTE (17) THE SUMMARY OF THE ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
NEEDED AFTER AKING INTO ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENTS AND SAVINGS IN THE
1978-79 BIENNIUM AS SHOWN IN COLUMN 5 OF ANNEX 2 IS AS FOLLOW:

COUNTRY LEVEL	US \$	
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NUTRITION PLANNING SUPPORT AND		
RELATED ACTIVITIES	84000	
FOLLOW-UP OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 8/77		NIL
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FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF		
NUTRITION PROGRAMMES		NIL
TECHNICAL ADVICE TO		
FEEDING PROGRAMMES		NIL
TRAINING IN NUTRITION	99000	
TRAINING IN MANAGEMENT OF FEEDING PROGRAMMES		NIL
EVALUATION OF NUTRITION PROGRAMMES		
AND WFP ASSISTED FOOD AID AND FEEDING		
PROGRAMMES	79000	
FOOD CONTROL (ENVEIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION)		46000

SUB-TOTAL	308000	

PLUS HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT

NUTRITION PROGRAMMES: PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES 12 M/M 38000

TOTAL 346000

IT IS PROPOSED TO SEEK EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS FOR THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES,

EXCEPT FOR THE ADDITIONAL HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT WHICH THE DIRECTOR-
GENERAL CPROPOSES TO ESTABLISH FROM SAVINGS.UNQUOTE.

5. WITH REGARD TO STATUS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE, PARA. 19 RECALLS
ARGUMENT ON PROLIFERATION OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND RECALLS
18TH FAO CONFERENCE DECISION THAT COMMITTEE REMAIN "AD HOC".
PARA 20 SUGGESTS THAT INCLUDING NUTRITION IN COAG TERMS OF
REFERENCE WOULD BE ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE.

6. ONLY OTHER NEW DOCUMENT (PC35/2) DEALS WITH C.G.I.A.R.
TASK FORCE COMING OUT OF IADS PROPOSAL. DOCUMENT APPENDS
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TASK FORCE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE, BUT NOT ITS REPORT,
RECEIPT OF WHICH APPARENTLY TRIGGERED ADDITION OF THIS ITEM UNDER
OTHER BUSINESS: RATHER SHARP DG REACTION APPARENT IN FOLLOWING
FINAL PARAGRAHS:

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QTE(6) THE TASK FORCE CONSIDERED THE FEASIBILITY OF SUING
EXISTING INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS FAO,THE CGIAR,THE IARCS, THE
INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (IADS) AND THE INTER-

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IICA) TO MEET THE CRITERIA THEY HAD SET. WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF IADS,NONE OF THE EXISTING AGENCIES WAS CONSIDERED ABLE TO SATISFY FULLY THE NEED

TO STRENGTHEN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CAPACITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE SERVICE COULD BEST BE PROVIDED THROUGH AN EXTENSION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CGIAR. QTE (7) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY MADE BY FAO IN HELPING TO IMPROVE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SYSTEMS,AND IN TRAINING RESEARCH PERSONNEL,AND TO HAVE WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLSIH A RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN FAO AS AN EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS

BY THE ORGANIZATION TO DO EVEN MORE IN THIS FIELD. HOWEVER, THEY GENERALLY AGREE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME IN FAO WOULD NOT MEET THE CRITERIA THEY HAD PROPOSED. THESE WERE COMMUNICATED TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WITH A REQUEST FOR HIS COMMENTS AND FOR FAO'S FUTURE COOPERATION. QTE (8) IN THE VIEW OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL,AS EXPRESSED IN HIS REPLY THE REASONS IN THE FORM GIVEN WERE UNACCEPTABLE. IN HIS REPLY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FIRST AND ONLY PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED IN STRENGTHENING NATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SYSTEMS IS TO ENSURE A SUPPLY OF EXPATRIATE EXPERTS TO PLAN, ORGANIZE AND MANAGE RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS IS A CONCEPT OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WHICH IS INCREASINGLY OUT-MODED. THE PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SOLVED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND INTENGATED APPROACH THERETO SUCH AS FAO CAN PROVIDE.

QTE (9) FAO DOES OT BELIVED THAT THE INSTITUTION OF YET ANOTHER INDEPENDENT GROUP IN ALREADY OVERCROWDED FIELD CAN POSSIBLY BE OF SERVICE TO THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHOSE DUTY IS TO COORDINATE SOURCES OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS, NOR OF THOSE DONOR GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAKE MUCH IN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE NEED FOR COHERENCE AND COORDINATION.

(10) THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL INFORMED THE CHARIMAN OF THE TASK FORCE THAT HE WOULD NOT WISH TO STAND IN THE WAY OF ANY EFFORT WHICH WILL INDEED PROVIDE NEEDED AND WORTHWHILE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AS FOR FAO'S PARTICIPATION IN,AND COOPERATION WITH, THE NEW SERVICE,A DECISION WOULD BE MADE AFTER FULL DEBATE, INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S OWN VIEWS AND DECISIONS BY THE THE GOVERNING BODIES CONCERNED.UNQUOTE.

7. PC WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ASKED TO TAKE DG'S PART AS IT WAS IN SPRING. NOW THAT CGIAR TASK FORCE REPORT COMPLETED, HOWEVER, U.S.AND CANADA MAY HAVE VIEWS ON IT WHICH SHOULD BE REFLECTED

IN GUIDANCE TO U.S. REP WELL AHEAD OF PC MTG,IF HE IS TO BE
EXPECTED TO PRODUCE ANYTHING OTHER THAN PC ENDORSEMENT OF DG'S
VIEWS. WILL ALSO NEED COPY OF CGIAR REPORT, ANNOTATED, IF
POSSIBLE, BY USG OFFICIALS FAMILIAR WITH DISCUSSION.

8. WHILE ABOVEMENTIONED PAPERS AND SUCH FINANCE COMMITTEE
PAPERS AS WE CAN GET HOLD OF WILL BE FORWARDED THIS WEEK,
FOREGOING QUOTES PROVIDED ON ASSUMPTION PAPERS WILL NOT ARRIVE
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